



# Walla Walla / Sacajawea Lake Report

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- **Weekend**

- **Movies:**

Join Park Ranger Jeanne Newton every Friday & Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. through September at the Hood Park Amphitheater for a movie or campground program.

Movies will last from 30—90 minutes.

Check any of the gatehouses for more information about this week's event.

- **Fish Viewing Opportunity:**

Don't forget to check out the visitor center located at Ice Harbor Lock and Dam. The fish viewing room is open 7 days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through October 31st.

## HOOD PARK PONDS NATURE TRAIL

Did you know that there is a nature area at Hood Park? If you didn't you are not alone. The Natural Resource staff at Ice Harbor decided it was not only time you did know but that it should be available and accessible for everyone to enjoy.

Wildlife Biologists had non-native Russian Olive trees removed which exposed two shallow water ponds to open view. Native species of trees were then planted on and around the perimeter of the island.

Two new bridges are being ordered. Benches and mini sun shelters will be installed along with three informational kiosks. Two new parking areas will also be built along the access road to the park which will become the

two main entrances to the area. A third access point will be located in the campground.

Other additions to the area will be nesting boxes, bird blinds, trail markers and a native plant garden.

On April 14 Cody Cornelison with the assistance of a few of his troop mates blazed a loop trail along the upper and lower portions at the north end of the island.

Photo by Joyce McDonald



It took 5 hours in the pouring rain and the results earned Cody his Eagle Scout. The Corps was proud to be a part of his success.

The Natural Resource staff knows that this is a monumental task and is relying on volunteers to assist in making their vision become a reality. Groups such as Cody's troop have been vital in these efforts.

If you would like to participate in the Hood Park Nature Area development or volunteer in some other capacity please contact Ice Harbor Natural Resources office at (509) 547-6066 to talk with the Volunteer coordinator. The Corps is ready to provide projects for you, your group, or your organization. Come join us make a difference for our community.

## WEAR IT FOR LIFE

Park Ranger Jeanne Newton, the water safety program coordinator for Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, is making sure that every boater who uses a boat ramp at one of our five parks will have a bold reminder to wear their life jackets. A reminder that comes in the size of a 18 X 15



Photo by : Joyce McDonald

foot life jacket painted in bright orange. The Corps of Engineers is the leading provider of outdoor recreation in the nation and is primarily built around water. This fact makes the Corps dedicated to water safety. Remember 2/3 of all drowning victims never intended to be in the water. A life jacket could save your life.

Comments, questions or complaints? Contact Ice Harbor Natural Resources at (509) 547-2048 or write us at 1215 East Ainsworth in Pasco, WA 99301.

# NEW ADDITION TO VISITOR CENTER

PHOTOS BY: Lou Ann McCracken

Gail Pittman the owner of *Expressions In Faux*, by Gail and her daughter Ivy Anderson have created a beautiful mural



in the fish viewing room at the Ice Harbor Lock and Dam Visitor Center.

Gail and Ivy are from the local Pasco area and in addition to painting murals they also create European plaster pieces.

Although their art is not a fulltime business yet they have been producing beautiful works of art together for five years now.

Come visit the fishing viewing room which is open from 9 a.m.— 5 p.m. daily. You can see the beautiful mural that these two talented ladies have

created along with the opportunity to see live salmon, steelhead, suckers, carp, bass, walleye, passing the dam through the fish ladder. Maybe if your lucky you'll even get the rare opportunity to see a sturgeon.



## ENJOY YOUR VISIT WITH US

The Corps of Engineers takes pride in their campgrounds, but it takes your help to keep them beautiful, safe, and clean for the next visitor.

You can do your part by following our basic regulations.

1. Always keep pets on a 6 foot leash and clean up after your pets
2. Dispose of trash in the dumpsters, not in fire rings.

3. Alcohol is prohibited in the park.
4. Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
5. Campers are required to back into sites located on one-way roads.
6. Do not park or drive on the grass.
7. Please display your vehicle identification tag on your rearview mirror.
8. Check –out time is 2.p.m.

9. Fires must be contained in designated fire rings or grills.

10. Gates are closed from 10 p.m. till 6 a.m. daily

11. Campers are limited to a maximum stay of 14 days in a 30 day period.



## COME BACK SOON!

The U.S. Army corps of Engineers, along with the Natural Resource Staff at Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, hope that you enjoyed your stay at one of our four campgrounds. We certainly enjoyed having you visit. As the summer gets into full swing you may want to make sure that you have your favorite campsite reserved. Reservations in any of our .



campgrounds can be made up to 240 days in advance or at a minimum of 4 days in advance. To reserve a campsite, call **1-877-444-6777** or go on line at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

If you would prefer to make your reservation in person at the campground gatehouse, our friendly Campground Attendants will be happy to assist you